being continued on annual basis. The broad features of the Action Plan are:

(i) Preventive vigilance;

(ii) Surveillance and detection; and

(iii) Deterrent punitive action.

Steps have also been taken in recent past to make the vigilance machinery more effective. These include strengthening the institution of Central Vigilance Commission.

The Freedom of Information Bill 2000 has been passed by the Lok Sabha.

The Lok Pal Bill, 2001 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 14 August, 2001.

2. Public grievances in the Govenrment of India are redressed through decentralized system which functions in every Ministry/ Department. The machinery for the redress of public grievances has been strengthened with senior officers being designated as Directors of Grievances in every Ministry/Department, fixing up time limits for disposal of Public Grievances and installation of an interactive web enable Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (PGRAMS) in collaboration with National Informatics Centre. (NIC).

Creating of jobs in Tenth-Five-Year Plan

2314. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by Government to create/generate more jobs during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the number of jobs to be generated;

(c) the areas which would provide these jobs;

(d) by when, it would be operational; and

(e) what would be the criteria for selection of the candidates for such jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) to (c) Planning Commission constituted a Special Group on Targeting ten million Employment Opportunities Per Year over the Tenth Plan Period under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.P. Gupta, Member (Labour, Employment & Manpower), Planning Commission to suggest strategies and programmes in the Tenth Plan for creating employment opportunities for 10 million people a year. The Special Group has identified the labour intensive sectors, which should be developed to create 10 million employment opportunities per year in the Tenth Plan. These sectors include agriculture, watershed development, on farm water management, small and medium industries, information technology, education and health services.

(d) Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) is scheduled to be placed for approval by National Development Council on December 21, 2002.

(e) Criteria for selection of a candidate for a job is determined by the appointing organization.

Catchy slogan for Tenth Five Year Plan

2315. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission is in search of a catchy slogan for the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the public response has been invited for the purpose and if so, the success achieved in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) No formal search has been launched by the Planning Commission for a catchy slogan for the Tenth Plan.

Financial Package for backward districts

†2316. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any financial package for economically backward districts;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.